

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on July 16, 2008, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered.

Prior to this paper, claims 1-23 were pending. By this paper, Applicants cancel claims 1, 13, and 15-23, and Applicants amend claims 2-4 and 8-12 to depend from claim 14 instead of claim 1. Upon entry of this paper, claims 2-12 and 14 will be pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and 112

Applicants continue to traverse the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and 112 as made final in the outstanding Office Action. To further prosecution, and without prejudice to pursuit of the canceled subject matter in a continuing application, Applicants have amended the claims to conform with the Office's indication of allowable subject matter.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Barbee for the indication that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Office Action, page 10, paragraph 9.

The corresponding amendment to claim 14 appears herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claim 14 would incorporate all the limitations of claims 1 and 13 from which it depends.

Applicants have amended claims 2-4 and 8-12 to appropriately change their dependency from claim 1 to claim 14. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2-4 and 8-12 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 14. Accordingly, the remaining pending claims 2-4, 8-12, and 14 are all allowable.

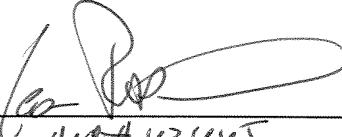
CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of this Amendment, because it clearly renders the application allowable according to the Office's indication of allowable subject matter, and prompt allowance of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Barbee is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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